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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH IAEA INSPECTOR GENERAL ROMETSCH

1. MISOFFS CALLED ON INSPECTOR GEN ROMETSCH YESTERDAY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON PROGRAMMING OUR \$200,000 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION FOR SAFEGUARDS/PHYSICAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES AND ON STAFFING MATTERS.

2. WE REQUESTED ROMETSCH TO DEVELOP LIST OF PRIORITY NEEDS FOR STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDS FOR WHICH OUR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION COULD BE USED, SUCH AS: EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION, INCLUDING PERIPHERAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT; PROVISION OF COST-FREE EXPERTS TO COME TO AGENCY FOR LIMITED PERIODS OF TIME FOR SPECIFIC TASKS; PROVISION OF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES FOR NATIONALS OF DEVELOPING MEMBER STATES TO ATTEND SAFEGUARDS TRAINING COURSES IN U.S. OR IAEA HQS FOR TRAINING IN NATIONAL SYSTEMS FOR ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL (WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVELY ITS SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM); PROVISION OF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES FOR AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND SAFEGUARDS TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN U.S. (SUCH AS NDA COURSE GIVEN AT LASL); AND PROVISION OF SUPPORT FOR OTHER

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SAFEGUARDS TRAINING ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT BE DEVELOPED,

E.G., COST-FREE LECTURERS, TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ETC.

3. WE AVOIDED MENTION OF OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH IS ALREADY BEING OR CAN BE PROVIDED FROM OTHER SOURCES, E.G., R AND D SUPPORT BY ACDA AND ERDA, AND LIMITED OURSELVES TO THE THREE BASIC FORMS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN PROVIDED WITH OUR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS, I.E., EXPERTS, EQUIPMENT AND FELLOWSHIPS OR TRAINING, SINCE WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO RISK JEOPARDIZING SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROVIDING ITEMS OR SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY ALREADY BE FUNDED FROM OTHER APPROPRIATIONS. WE INDICATED TO ROMETSCH THAT LIST WOULD BE NEEDED NLT END OF MAY, IN VIEW OF REPORT REQUIRED BY CONGRESS BY JULY 1.

4. RE STAFFING, WE PROVIDED HIM INFORMALLY WITH RESUMES/ PERSONAL HISTORY FORMS OF JOSEPH A. WIELAND, JOSE CORTEZ, AND JOHN ROWEN (LATTER FOR POSSIBLE CONSULTING ASSIGNMENT IN VIEW OF HIS AGE). WE HAD PROVIDED HIM EARLIER WITH FORMS OF HARVEY EISEN AND ROBERT WESTFALL. IN ADDITION, WE NOTED THAT DONALD THURMAN WAS BEING FORMALLY NOMINATED FOR A POST AND THAT NEIL HARMS WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN RETURNING. (SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON THESE TWO CANDIDATES). WE NOTED RATHER LOW REPRESENTATION OF U.S. NATIONALS IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION AND EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN AT POSSIBILITY THAT CONGRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN TAKING SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED INTEREST LATELY IN NUCLEAR AND SAFEGUARDS MATTERS, MIGHT SOON BEGIN EXPRESSING VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR SUPPORT FOR IAEA AND SAFEGUARDS AND THE AMOUNT OF U.S. REPRESENTATION ON IAEA STAFF, PARTICULARLY SAFEGUARDS STAFF. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE URGED THAT THE U.S. PERCENTAGE IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION BE INCREASED OVER NEXT THREE YEARS TO AT LEAST 20 PERCENT, WHICH WOULD THEN BE REASONABLY COMPARABLE TO PERCENTAGE OF U.S. NATIONALS IN OTHER AGENCY DEPARTMENTS (EXCEPT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE).

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5. ROMETSCH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT U.S. WAS UNDER-REPRESENTED, BUT NOTED THAT SOME IMPROVEMENT HAD BEEN MADE RECENTLY. HE SAID THAT 10 OR 15 NEW POSTS PROBABLY WOULD BE ADVERTISED SHORTLY, IN VIEW ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF NPT AND LIKELY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF IAEA/EURATOM SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, AND THAT THIS WOULD PROVIDE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR BRINGING U.S. CANDIDATES ON BOARD. HE ALSO MENTIONED CONCERN AT OVERLOADING DEPARTMENT

WITH NATIONALS FROM "SUPER-POWERS", SINCE THIS ONLY
SERVES TO STRENGTHEN ARGUMENT OF SOME PEOPLE IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO MAINTAIN THAT "SUPER-POWERS"
ARE DOMINATING AGENCY, PARTICULARLY SAFEGUARDS DEPT.,
TO THEIR DETRIMENT. HE ADMITTED
THAT THIS IS SPECIOUS ARGUMENT, BUT THAT IT IS NEVERTHELESS
MADE. COMMENT: THIS EXPLAINS WHY ROMETSCH HAS MADE SUCH
STRONG EFFORTS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES
(PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) REPRESENTED ON
SAFEGUARDS STAFF. HE HAS BEEN MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL IN THIS
EFFORT. COUPLED WITH THIS, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN TENDENCY
BY ROMETSCH (WE THINK) TO MAINTAIN SORT OF BALANCE BETWEEN
NUMBER OF U.S. AND USSR NATIONALS ON SAFE GUARDS STAFF,
JUSTIFIABLY OR NOT. THESE TWO FACTORS HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT
TO INCREASE NUMBER OF U.S. NATIONALS, BUT WE THINK INCREASED
PRESSURES FOR CARRYING OUT EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW EURATOM DEVELOPMENTS, PLUS U.S. AND
U.K. OFFERS, WILL TEND TO REDUCE WEIGHT GIVEN THESE FACTORS.
MOREOVER, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK OUR REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST MADE AN IMPRESSION ON HIM, WHICH WE
BELIEVE WILL ALSO BE HELPFUL IN OVERCOMING RESISTANCE TO
BUILDING UP NUMBER OF U.S. NATIONALS IN HIS DEPARTMENT.
END COMMENT.

6. ROMETSCH WILL LET US KNOW IN DUE COURSE RE
POSSIBILITIES FOR CANDIDATES MENTIONED ABOVE.LABOWITZ

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